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**Inside El
Dorado's
Correctional
Facility**

**Vocal
Music at
its Best**

**Play Ball with
the Grizzly Men**

“ I have really enjoyed my time here at Butler because not only have I gotten a good education but I have also learned a lot about my life, myself and others. I am really glad I came here before going off to a four year school. ”

Colleen Smith

thoughts to ponder...

A tribute to the 2000 graduates

“ I will always remember being in the music department and taking really cool trips to Nashville and Branson. ”

David Reed

“ I will remember when we went to Utah to cover the bowl game and also when Radio/TV won more awards than anyone else in the state including the big four year universities. ”

Tanner Swift

“ It has been such an honor to have worked with the vocal music department and Mrs. Valerie Lippoldt Mack. Not only have I grown musically; Butler has allowed me to blossom as an individual. ”

Josh Wells

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WORKING

Having a summertime job can mean more money and a possible experience for your future career.

Opinion by Rachel Julius Photos by Darren Greiving

As summer approaches, students begin the search for jobs that will help them earn a little extra spending money for the next school year.

Look no further. Here is your guide to finding the perfect job and a list of jobs to stay away from.

Some of the best summertime jobs to have range from mowing lawns, to baby-sitting, to fast food, to waiter/waitress, to pizza delivery, to house cleaning, to salesperson, to lifeguard, to camp counselor and to car washing.

The not-so-fun jobs include, service station attendant, grocery bagger, telemarketer, toy store worker and bus boy/girl.

From the best to the worst jobs, there are some of those in-between jobs, otherwise known as odd jobs. Some odd jobs include egg picker on a farm, Christmas tree trimmer, skating rink DJ, pet-sitter, water boy/girl for an athletic team and, last but not least, the number/letter announcer for bingo.



When applying for a job, don't limit yourself to looking for one job at a time, but go for several. Put your application in at several places. If two call back you always have the option to pick the better of the two.

By having a job, you have many advantages. Money. Many opportunities arise to meet new friends and possibly future date prospects. The number one advantage would be gaining a lifetime experience.

You may be asking, "Where do I start?" The best place would be the classifieds in the newspaper.

STUDENT

Your best bet, the Sunday paper. Or you may also drive around town looking for signs that say, "Now Hiring." But if you don't go for either of the above, get out your handy phone book (you know the big book you use as a coaster) and start calling places.

Although most jobs pay very little, it gives students a boost in their financial standing. Many students work more hours during the summer than the fall to earn that little extra that will help them out during the school year.

If you are serious about looking for a job that will help you out in your career, web sites such as Monster.com can be very helpful. It gives you the chance to search for jobs in the local area that you are interested in

and it gives you a chance to fill out resumes and submit them to the companies of your choice.

You are also able to set up a personal account to access any job applications that come your way.



Looking for a job? Look no further. Most employers use their signs to advertise employment opportunities. So while you're traveling down the road, pay attention to what some might have on their marquee. The newspaper is also a good place to look. If all else fails, starting calling places and ask if they are hiring.

When you go in for the application, have a smile on your face and dress nice. If you have to fill out the application at the place of employment, make sure you have the names, phone numbers and addresses of the people you wish to use for references. Once the application has been filled out, be prepared to be called back for an interview. When you are called back for the interview be sure to dress nice, smile, look alert, listen well and make eye contact. By following the above, you are almost guaranteed a job.

Happy job hunting.

MUSIC MADNESS

Butler County Community College has a lot of opportunities for vocal music students. Among the six groups there is a variety of music and dance. Whether your personality portrays barbershop music with the Smorgaschords or a little jazz music with Jazz Indigo, there is a song for everyone in the audience.

CONCERT CHOIR

Valerie Lippoldt Mack co-directs the Concert Choir with Ron Garber. Concert Choir is open through audition to anyone who enjoys singing several different musical styles. Music scholarship students are required to attend Concert Choir as well as their performing group and an additional music class. Two major performances are scheduled each semester. These performances include music ranging from classical to contemporary selections.

CHAMBER SINGERS

The Chamber Singers are a select group of 20-25 vocalists under the direction of Garber. The ensemble performs a wide variety of music including vocal jazz, madrigal and chamber literature and performs frequently in public. The BCCC Chamber Singers are a vital part of the Butler County Community College Music Department. Besides touring and performing for schools and community groups, the select group of singers hosts the English Renaissance Feast each year, as well as attending the Renaissance Festival in Kansas City, Mo. These Renaissance celebrations are set in the costumes and decor of the 1600s. While guests enjoy festive dishes, the Chamber Singers entertain with a variety of songs, dances and skits.

"I like the madrigal songs we sing and I enjoy the Renaissance Feast," said Brian

Anderson, Wichita freshman. "I appreciate Mr. Garber's teaching style too. He is fun, but laid-back at the same time."

HEADLINERS

Under the direction of Mack, the BCCC Headliners Showchoir function as goodwill ambassadors for BCCC. Throughout the Headliners' journey of the past 100 years, audience members will relive the passion for nightlife around the world. In addition to hosting the annual Showchoir Festival in November, the group performs throughout the U.S. at numerous special events. The Headliners consist of 24 young, talented singers and dancers plus a six-piece combo and one stage manager. The group has been featured in several states and regional music and other conferences. Annual Headliner tours have allowed the group to perform in Washington, D.C.,



Smorgaschords from left to right: Roger Briggs, El Dorado freshman, Kevin Moler, Wichita sophomore, Chad Schuetz, Holton freshman, Danial Porter, El Dorado freshman.



Performing a wedding piece, the Sophisticated Ladies act as bridesmaids.



Jazz Indigo from left to right: Brett Randolph, Goodland freshman, Bridgette Baker, Wichita sophomore, Rolando Romero, Wichita freshman, Mary Ramsey, Wichita sophomore, Joey Shurts, Wichita freshman, Camille Woods, Mulvane sophomore.

Story by Ashley McCullough & Rachel Julius

Photos by Ashley McCullough



The Sophisticated Ladies perform "God I hope I get it" during the opening number. Their wedding themed show was one of two that were arranged especially for Butler County Community College Sophisticated Ladies.



"Butler on Broadway is an interdepartmental show because of all of the Fine Arts Department that is involved" said Mrs. Mack

Houston, Chicago, Orlando, San Antonio, Niagara Falls, Branson, Mo., Las Vegas, Nashville and Denver.

This year the group attended the Fame Festival, a competition for showchoirs in Branson, and were featured as the College Host Group.

"It is such an honor to work with such talented individuals and a director that shares her love and knowledge as much as Mrs. Mack has done," said Josh Wells, Andover sophomore. "I have grown tremendously through the program here at Butler, both as a musician and as a person. Music is a way that students can express themselves freely while touching lives every day. I am truly thrilled to have been a part of such a great and talented program."

JAZZ INDIGO

Jazz Indigo under the direction of Deanne Zogleman is new to the music department as of the fall of 1999. Jazz Indigo replaced the group formerly known as Jazz² that was established in spring of 1999. This group was added to broaden the students'

music spectrum. Jazz Indigo consists of six vocalists.

SMORGASCHORDS

The barbershop group Smorgaschords has been a part of Butler for 10 years. The Smorgaschords are made up of four men under the direction of Mack as well. Their voices range from baritone, bass and tenor to a lead vocalist. The Smorgaschords perform at weddings, churches and lodge meetings and are members of the S.P.E.B.Q.S.A., The International Barbershop Lodge.

"Smorgaschords is an awesome vocal experience," said Danial Porter, El Dorado freshman. "I've learned a lot about harmonies and music theory. I really enjoy the support we get from faculty. It is really amazing what happens when we set our minds and talents together and just sing."

SOPHISTICATED LADIES

The Sophisticated Ladies have been at Butler for many years. The 24-voice all-woman group is under the direction of Mack as well. Accompanying the

Sophisticated Ladies is a six-piece combo and two stage managers. The Sophisticated Ladies have been featured in two special shows during the past fall and spring semesters: Women of Television and a Wedding show. The two shows were arranged especially for Butler County Community College Sophisticated Ladies and written by Jeff Brown.

For the final production the vocal music department will feature a Broadway show "Butler on Broadway." Mack looks at this show as their last grand concert. From the two-hour show there will be 60 Broadway selections featured. The entire show is costumed and choreographed.

Out of the 75 vocal music students, 25 of them are expected to return to the music department next fall. The majority of the graduating music students will go on to a university and still study or practice music.

"I am really thankful to Mrs. Mack for this opportunity because a lot of colleges don't have a program like Butler's," said Porter.

In the DUST

Story by Mr. Michael Swan

As of mid-April, the Butler baseball team was putting together another fine season with a 33-18 mark. First-year head coach Trent Nesmith said the season has gone along pretty much as planned with pitching from the stable of freshmen Scott Munter, Andrew Ehling, Cullen Riner, Troy St. Clair, sophomore Ben Gensch, and vets Mike Gleason and Seth Schornick coming through and improving.

"We brought in ten freshmen arms," Nesmith said. "And they've gotten better each time."

Nesmith is replacing B.D. Parker who moved on to Nicholls State University in Louisiana. He has experience coaching the Topeka Capitals the last two

summers and assisted Parker for three years. Nesmith still talks to Parker about once a week. The new Grizzly skipper was also associate head coach at Baker University in 1995 before coming to Butler in the fall of 1996. Nesmith played at Butler and Arkansas before graduating from Kansas University.

The Augusta native says the players in the three and four spots in the batting order have been doing very well, with sophomore infielder Adrian Jones of Olathe, Kan., who was All-Region last year, hitting .380 with 18 homeruns and 65 RBI and sophomore infielder Luke Muller of Littleton, Colo., who was all-conference, batting .400 with 16

homeruns and 73 RBI. Muller is headed to Nicholls State. Others who have been mainstays on the team this year include outfielder Jake Carlson, catcher Monte Mitchell, outfielder Bryan James, infielder Shaun Puvogel, outfielder Josh Hall and infielder Kyle Cook.

Nesmith also credits assistant coaches Jeff McCannon and Brian Blessie with the team's success this season.

"I feel like we're in every game," Nesmith said. He said the Grizzlies can score a lot of runs. This was evidenced in an April 19 game against Barton County at McDonald Stadium in El Dorado. The Grizzlies spotted Barton seven runs before winning the first game of a doubleheader, 12-8.



*Left: Luke Lemon, Wichita sophomore, helped shut down Barton County after the Grizzlies fell behind by seven runs in a mid-April game in El Dorado. The Grizzlies came back to win, 12-8.
Photo by Mr. Michael Swan*

*Below: Bryan James of Butler dives back into first base. James is a freshman outfielder from Wichita and has been one of the mainstays on the team.
Photo by Michael Mueller*



BEHIND CLOSED BARS

Story by: Brenda Kimmi, Jason Massingill and Josh Wells Photo by Darren Greiving

Once you are inside the 14 foot Israeli fences of the El Dorado Correctional Facility, thoughts begin to race through your mind. At first a thought of helplessness. Warden Michael Nelson explained, "In the nine years the prison has been in operation there have been no successful escapes over or under the wall." At any moment a team of specially trained personnel can be watching your every move. Watching is not quite the phrase that explains the technology of surveillance we found east of El Dorado.

"Once you are inside, you will notice a large camera at the top of this station," Counselor Mike Garcia said. "At any given moment, the guys on the other end of that lens can read your number on your visitor's badge from anywhere on the compound."

Impressive, considering the badge you are wearing contains information that is all written in 12 point font and your location may be more than 100 yards away from the camera lens.

As we walked through the portals and into the main compound entrance, we were escorted through the visitors' center, gym, laundry facility and entertainment center. "Basically, we are a self-existing community," Unit Team Manager Robert Sabien said. "If the city of El Dorado was in a state of emergency, most likely we would be assisting them."

Walking through the maximum security, armed entrance of the El Dorado Correctional

Facility, you are entering a private city in which all persons are watched and monitored at all times. The main post at the facility is anything but a home. However, more than 1,000 prisoners call this silent, eerie compound home. The El Dorado Correctional facility opened June 1991 and is on 640 acres. Most of the prisons look like bastilles, or small military bases, but El Dorado's looks like a college campus. Except for the high Israeli and McDugal fences, topped with rolls of barbed wire, the facility is like a small town. Having a water tower, emergency generator and a warehouse with food and other perishable items allows the facility to undergo and survive a lockdown which may last up to a week.

According to Kansas State Department of Corrections statistics, most of the prisoners are between 16-25 years old, but the average prisoner age at the El Dorado prison is older. The ethnic makeup of the prison is about 57 percent Caucasian, 40 percent Afro-American and three percent other. The oldest prisoner they have is 78 and the youngest is 16. The average age of prisoners is 34. El Dorado is one of the few prisons in the state that takes younger offenders, according to Warden Nelson. This is due to the special counseling and segregation units the El Dorado facility contains.

The facility is equipped with many state-of-the-art security measures, which include 29 closed-circuit television cameras being monitored at three locations. There are also two perimeter fences

This is the one most people associate with prisons. Along with these hardware measures, the prison also employs three manned towers, and armed perimeter patrols. However, there have been a few inmates who have walked off of minimum security community work who were later apprehended and posed no threat to the community.

“Some guys who live on the compound are just bad people,” Warden Nelson said. “However, not everyone here is violent.” Two-hundred and fifty-six inmates are in administrative segregation. They are locked up for 23 hours of the day and if they are out they have to be in restraints and with an officer escort. Those who are there live in a 53 square foot cell. They are the worst of the worst. “We have the guys you hear about on T.V.,” Garcia said. “Guys that have committed numerous homicides, sexual predators and guys who have killed in anger.” Those in administrative segregation are there because of predatory behavior, gang recruitment, homicide, killing other inmates in other prison systems or drug trafficking. According to Warden Nelson, 100 are released from the maximum security a year, back into the prison’s general population.

There is also a minimum-security unit at the prison. They are the ones you see out and around the community. They do recycling work, construction and upkeep on local grade schools, and assisted in construction on the El Dorado Middle School gym. The minimum-security inmates are the ones that are preparing to get out in a short time so they have a training facility that prepares them for their everyday life. This training includes

getting out of bed, packing a lunch, and going to work.

“The prison has special teams, like a SWAT team in a free community...they are the ones that deal with the firearms, gas, the nasty stuff,” Nelson said. The team has a training course within the prison to keep up their training. The prison also has a firing range for the teams to practice their shooting.

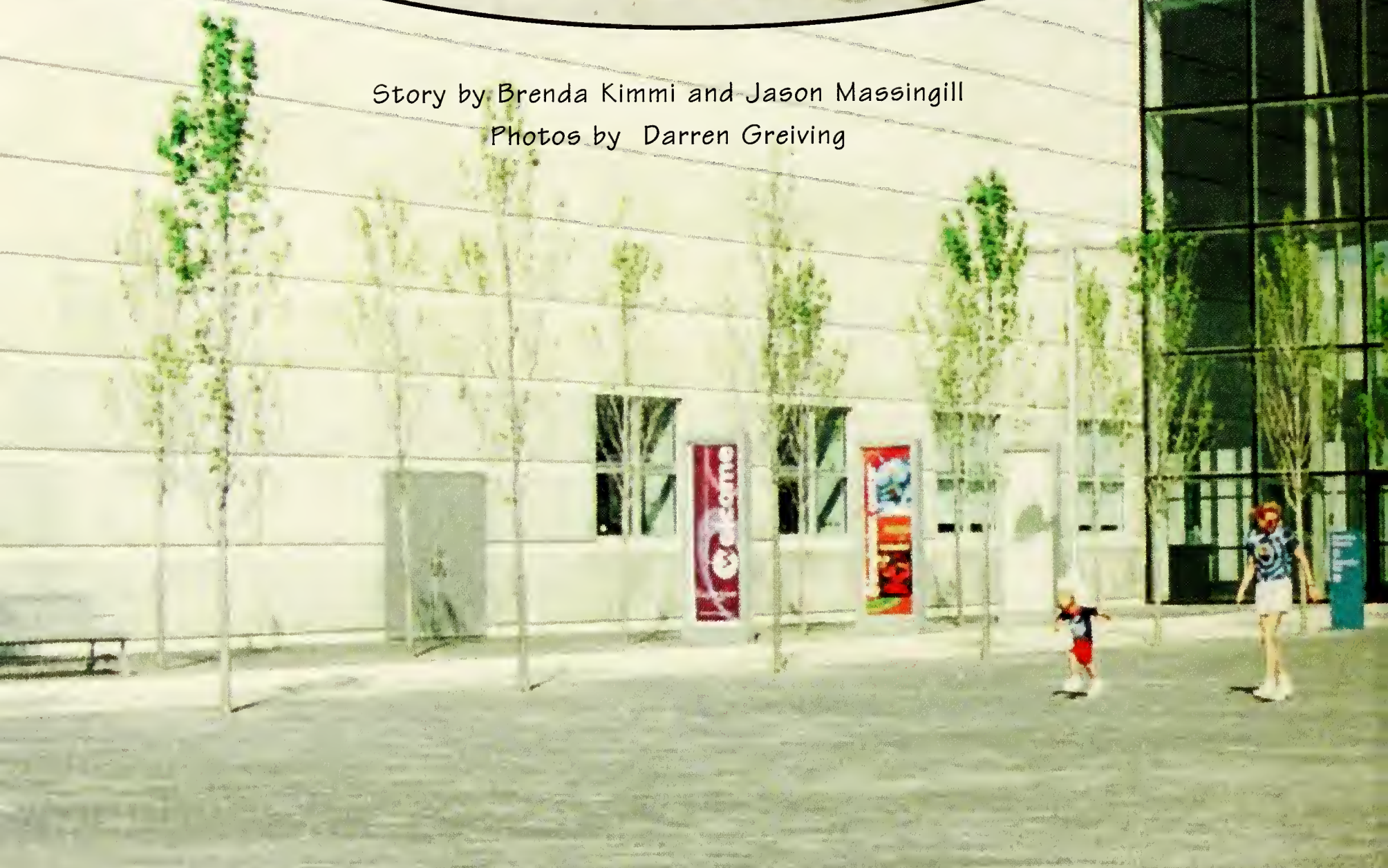
Throughout their nine years of being open, they have only had one homicide. The homicide occurred when they first opened. It happened in the food service area where there are a large amount of prisoners at one time. The prison has had four more deaths, all from natural causes.

The prison has its own hospital and emergency room services with a full staff trained and experienced to handle every situation which may arise, from minor surgeries to medication and pharmaceutical needs. In this area of the prison, there is an unspoken level of respect. When prisoners are admitted to this area, they are in an area where medical professionals have almost no protection from a riot or outbreak. It is due to these types of circumstances that the prison is monitored by closed circuit video surveillance. At the sight or sound of an emergency, a team of trained officers will respond from all areas of the compound in less than 30 seconds.

The facility is expanding by adding two new cell houses for the general population on its current location, east of the city.



Story by Brenda Kimmi and Jason Massingill
Photos by Darren Greiving



Pilot an airplane, touch a tornado, search for fossils, play miniature golf and explore at Wichita's brand-new \$62 million children's museum and science center.

The center is a 98,500-sq. ft. complex that houses four pavilions. The complex also is the home of the KSN Weather Lab. The complex is located at 300 N. McLean Blvd.



Exploration Place is open Monday from noon to 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. The prices for general admission are children (2-4) \$2, youth (5-15) \$5, adults (16-64) \$7 and seniors (65+) \$6.50.

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